

Assistant Director for Operations

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Assistant Chief, Planning and Coordinating Staff

Report on Conference with Representatives of
Intelligence Division (Eurasian Branch) and
CIG, Office of Operations, Documents Branch

On 22 April, an informal meeting was held at the request of [redacted] (Deputy Chief, Eurasian Branch, Intelligence Division) to discuss the Special Accession Lists of Documents Branch, CIG, and the extraction of material on the USSR from Far Eastern documents. The meeting was strictly at "working level" and no policy matters were discussed. [redacted], Lt. Col. [redacted] represented Intelligence Division, and Mr. Bagnall and [redacted] represented Office of Operations, Documents Branch.

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1. [redacted] requested that fuller data and information be included in the items on the accession lists concerning the USSR. Mr. Bagnall explained that all Far Eastern documents on that subject had now been accessioned, and no further lists were planned, and stated that any on documents already listed further information would gladly be provided by Documents Branch. He mentioned a full translation, "Wartime Organization of the Red Army" which had recently been furnished [redacted] checked with the Chief, Military Section, Eurasian Branch, who reported that the translation had been received and was "extremely valuable."

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2. [redacted] contrasted the first lot of ICF cards prepared by Documents Branch (then WDC), which were "very good," with the more recent ICF cards from Documents Branch. Mr. Bagnall stated that the change-over in format had held up production, but that he hoped that the previous level would again be reached. The value of ICF was emphasized and discussed by the Intelligence Division representatives.

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3. Mr. Bagnall mentioned the planned conversion of Documents Branch to current periodicals from the USSR. [redacted] was enthusiastic and stated: STAT

(1) It would be vital to extract all industrial information onto ICF cards from articles, trade journals, etc., and not merely list the titles or summarize the pertinent articles in a "periodical abstract" publication.

(2) That the Intelligence Division would prefer all periodical abstracts to be mimeographed and issued on 5X8 cards for immediate inclusion in the appropriate card-files (military, economic, etc.) of the Intelligence Division, rather than published in book or pamphlet form.

(3) That a survey should be made of all agencies planning to use the periodical abstracts to determine their preferences as to form, and that after their desires had been duly considered, that CIG choose the form most adapted to the purpose and "stick to it."

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Memorandum to Asst. Director, OO, from Asst. Chief, Planning and Coordinating Staff

(NOTE: [] felt that this would probably be some type of card. In view of the interest of ORE, and especially the Reference Branch, in this sort of intelligence information, it seems probable that CIG users would concur. I.A.D.)

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After the conclusion of the meeting, Mr. Bagnall inspected the GNDS collection and a brief meeting was held with [] (GNDS) and [] (SDS) on the problems of the transfer to CIG.

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